Annual Reporting for High-Cost Recipients 47 C.F.R. §54.313(a)(2) through (a)(6) and (h)



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Ms. Karen Majcher Vice President – High Cost Low Income Division Universal Service Administrative Company 2000 L Street NW, Suite 200 Washington, D.C. 20036

RE: WC Docket No. 10-90: Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization, WC Docket No. 11-42

Pursuant to Section 54.313 and 54.422 of the Federal Communications Commission's rules and in accordance with the guidance of the Public Notice issued August 6, 2013, enclosed is the 2013 annual report and certifications for Windstream Study Area Code 431965 located in Oklahoma.

This filing contains a redacted (200) Service Outage Reporting (Voice) form. The information that was redacted is considered Confidential by the FCC and would cause Windstream to reveal proprietary information and trade secrets and cause damage to its competitive position.

Should you have any questions, please contact me via email at <u>jeff.l.heacox@windstream.com</u> or by phone at 501-748-5390.

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Enclosures

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

l certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the a recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in an	ccuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service suppo y attachments is accurate.
Name of Reporting Carrier: WINDSTREAM OK	
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

I certify that (Name of Agent)	Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier
also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsi agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provi	is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier bilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized ded to the authorized agent is accurate.
Name of Authorized Agent:	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	
Signature of Authorized Officer:	
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	Date:
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Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished	Filing Due Date for this form: I by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment tie 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Ager	nt Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier
l, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am au the data reported herein based on data provided by th	thorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided e reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.
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Line 310 - Unfulfilled Voice Telephony Service Requests Resolution

Study Area Code: 431965

Study Area Name: Windstream Oklahoma, LLC

Year: 2012

Date the Request		How service was attempted/Beason it was Unfulfilled
was Held	Name of Exchange	(If fulfilled the date it was fulfilled)
11/12/2012	Mt. View	Unfulfilled due to lack of cable facilities. Engineered, WO issued, waiting for contractor to finish construction. Completed:1/22/2013
11/15/2012	Butler	Unfulfilled due to lack of cable facilities. Waiting on OSP Engineer to review.
12/27/2012	Canute	Unfulfilled due to lack of cable facilities. Waiting on OSP Engineer to review.

Line 510-Description of Compliance with Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection:

The Windstream ILEC companies certify that they comply with applicable state and FCC service quality standards.

- 1. Service quality metrics are monitored and reviewed each month
- 2. Windstream is founded on integrity. All employees are required to complete a course on integrity each year.
- 3. Windstream employees have at their disposal our People Practices Overview Course which is a general overview of the guidelines that govern all Windstream employees.
- 4. Windstream's CPNI training manual documents when personnel are, and are not, authorized to use CPNI. This Manual constitutes Windstream's policies and procedures related to CPNI. All employees are required to follow the policies and procedures specified in this manual.
- 5. Windstream IT has in place numerous measures to insure the integrity of the network and the customer data that resides on the network. The network is monitored 24/7 and periodic reviews of the security processes are performed.
- 6. Windstream makes every attempt to achieve one-call resolution on customer invoice issues.
- 7. Windstream has developed a program to help spot the Red Flags of identity theft, which is consistant with the FTC's guidelines, and has procedures in place to mitigate the potential damage of identy theft.
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Line 610 – Description of Functionality in Emergency Situations

Windstream certifies that it is compliant with applicable rules on service provision in emergency situations. Windstream central offices are designed to withstand limited commercial power failures through the use of emergency batteries supplemented by on site or portable generators. Windstream personnel perform routine maintenance on this essential equipment based on the manufacturer's service recommendations and Windstream service practices. The backup batteries are load tested routinely and the on site generators are tested monthly.

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Definition

A. Lifeline Service is a retail local service offering available to qualifying low-income residential customers and is provided pursuant to the FCC Order 12-11 released on February 6, 2012.

Discounts

A. The following credits will apply for customers deemed eligible for Lifeline assistance: Monthly Credit

> Federal Credit \$9.25 State Credit to Residential Access Line Varies by state

B. The monthly discounted residential rate for qualified low-income customers may not be reduced below zero. Therefore, the credit amount defined in A. above shall not exceed the total of the subscriber line charge and the customer's normal residential local exchange service rate.

General

- A. The Company shall offer toll blocking to all qualifying low income customers at no charge at the time such customers subscribe to Lifeline service. If the customer voluntarily elects to receive toll blocking, the service shall become part of the customer's Lifeline service and all service deposits will be waived.
- B. Lifeline program rate reductions do not apply to long distance service or any other services (i.e., Custom Calling, CLASS, construction charges, etc.) which may or may not be tariffed. Customers may obtain such services, where available, at their discretion, although the Lifeline program rate reduction does not apply.
- C. Lifeline program service will not be available on a retro-active basis.

Eligibility Requirements

- A. The Lifeline program rate reduction shall apply to one (1) telephone line per residential household, at the subscriber's principal place of residence. Service is limited to only one Service per qualified customer or household; within this section, 'household' is defined as "any individual or group of individuals who are living together at the same address as one economic unit," with an 'economic unit' defined as, "all adult individuals contributing to and sharing in the income and expenses of a household."
- B. The service must be provided in the eligible customer's name.
- C. An applicant whose household income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, or who participate in one of the following programs:

Medicaid
Food Stamps
Supplemental Security Income
Federal Public Housing Assistance
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
National School Lunch's Free Lunch Program

D. The customer must sign, under penalty of perjury, a document certifying:

He/she is receiving benefits from one of the programs listed in C. above. Name of the program(s) from which they are receiving benefits. That he/she will notify the company if he/she no longer participates in the program(s) named in C. preceding.

The applicant must also supply the name of the program(s) from which they are receiving benefits and provide documentation supporting participation in the program(s). That he/she will notify the company if he/she no longer participates in the program(s)named in C. preceding.

- E. Customers qualifying for Lifeline Service are offered the services or functionalities enumerated in 47 Code of Federal Regulations §54.101 (a) (1)-(8) (relating to Supported Service for Rural, Insular and High Cost Areas).
- F. The Company has certification processes in place which at the time of enrollment requires a documentation review that confirms the consumer's household eligibility. The Company will retain copies of the self-certification records of both the applicant and the Company. A Company officer will attest that these procedures are in place.
- G. The Company will annually verify the continued eligibility pursuant to the FCC Order 12-11 released on February 6, 2012.

Credits and Deposits

- A. The credit verification procedures available for all applicants who apply for service with the Company will also be used for applicants who apply for service under the Lifeline program.
- B. The deposit standards used for all applicants who apply for service with the Company will also be used for applicants who apply for service under the Lifeline Program with the exception that deposit requirements will be waived for Lifeline Service applicants who voluntarily elect to subscribe to toll blocking service.

Service Charges

- Service charges do not apply when eligible customers with existing residential service convert to Lifeline Service.
- A service order deposit is not applicable to customers who elect toll blocking when initiating Lifeline service
- C. A service order charge does apply when:

At the time Lifeline Service billing is initiated, eligible residential local exchange access service customers also request additional optional calling features such as Custom Calling Features, CLASS features, etc.

Any subsequent moves or changes after the initial connection to Lifeline service are requested by the customer.

Service is established for new residential applicants (those without existing local exchange access service) eligible for Lifeline Service.

Payments and Disconnection of Service

- A. Lifeline service may not be disconnected for non-payment of toll charges. In addition, the Company will not deny re-establishment of local service to customers who are eligible for Lifeline Assistance and have previously been disconnected for nonpayment of toll charges.
- B. Partial payments that are received from Lifeline customers will first be applied to local service charges and then to any outstanding toll charges.

Windstream Residential Service Rates by Service Area Rates shown with and without state and federal Lifeline discounts applied

		Without Lifeline Discounts		With Lifeline Discounts	
_Year	SAC	Low	High	Low	High
2012	431965	\$21.50	\$24.17	\$1.00	\$1.00